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1. The Argentine government has dropped its plan for the establishment of a Cuban-Argentine bank in Habana.
 2. Instead of the bank, it was decided to form the Cuban-Argentine Trading Corporation, which will have a capital of from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Fifty percent of the capital will be Cuban owned and the other fifty percent will be Argentine owned. The legal name of the corporation has not been decided. The actual business operations of the group will not begin before 1 January 1949. Comment. This corporation is one of many similar organizations which are being created by the Argentine government in European and Latin American countries.)
 3. According to present plans, the President of the corporation will be Mr. Zinke, who is Manager of the Banco Nunez in Matanzas. This trading corporation will handle the Matanzas free port activities of Argentina. In addition, it will engage in regular export and import trade activities not only between Cuba and Argentina but also between Cuba and other countries, including the United States. This group will be devoted exclusively to commercial activities and will not engage in any political work.
 4. During November, the final work for the establishment of this Cuban-Argentine trading organization was undertaken in Washington, D. C. at the Argentine Legation. The corporation will try to concentrate all Argentine business activities in the Caribbean area and will try to promote the sale of Argentine products. It will also distribute products made in Europe, which are the property of the Argentine government, because of her favorable trade accounts in many European countries. Purchase and sale of many United States products will be undertaken. These products will be shipped from New Orleans, where the Argentine government has established a "trade base."

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